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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Robert R. Bowie
Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

SUBJECT: Draft Defense Perspectives for FY 81-85

REFERENCE: Letter to D/DCI/RM from D/GDIP Staff,
Subject as above, dated 11 October 1978

1. My office was asked to review and comment on the attached draft on Defense Perspectives for the FY 81-85 program and to see that other appropriate Community elements had the same opportunity.
2. The principal utility of a document like this should be its relatively precise bounding of the global environment for the GDIP during the fiscal period 81-85. It could then be used by major resource claimants and element managers to measure the priority of perceived threats over the program time period. As programs are initiated or modified, the perspective could be used as a rational context for change.
3. I have suggested to the Director, GDIP Staff, that the National Intelligence Topics of Basic Long-Term Interest, be used as the principal focus of the perspectives. In describing each area, attention could be given to isolation of the critical threat elements which make a difference during 81-85.

4. Originally [redacted] asked for a response by 25 October 1978. Since we did not receive the paper until 20 October, we were able to have the deadline changed to 1 November. I realize even this may not allow you sufficient time for a creditable review, therefore, I urge that you negotiate an extension directly with [redacted] at [redacted]

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